Raids at the premises of Customs, Income Tax and Sales Tax Officers

2337. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is he number of Customs Officers, Income Tax Officers and Sales Tax Officers whose premises were raided during the last six months;

(b) what is the value of unaccounted money and other goods seized from their premises; and

(c) what action has been taken in each case and if no action has yet been taken, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and the same will be laid on the Table of the House as early as possible.

Textile workers rendered jobless due to new Textile Policy

2338. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of textile workers have been rendered jobless due to the new textile policy announced by Government;

(b) if so, what is the estimated number of workers so rendered jobless; and

(c) whether there is any proposal unedr Government's consideration to provide them jobs and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

नई वस्त्र नीति पर पुनर्विचार हेतु ज्ञापन

2339. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि नवंबर, 1985 के दूसरे सप्ताह में भिवंडी के हथकरघा बुनकरों ने ठाणे में प्रधान मंत्री को एक ज्ञापन देकर मांग की थी कि सरकार को नई कपड़ा नीति पर पुनः विचार करना चाहिए ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ज्ञापन की मुख्य-मुख्य बातें क्या हैं ; और

(ग) उन पर सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री खुर्शीद आलम खान) : (क) जी, हां

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

Joint pricing policy between India and Pakistan

2340. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1014 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th May, 1984 and state:

(a) whether any progress has been made in framing a joint pricing policy for items which are exported by both India and Pakistan;

(b) if so, what are the items which have been included in this scheme; and

(c) what are the details of the agreement reached in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal to frame a joint pricing policy for items exported by both India and Pakistan.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Demand from State Governments for scrapping the scheme of levying additional excise duty in place of sales tax

2341. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many States have demanded the scrapping of the scheme for the levy of additional excise duty in place of sales tax;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the States have requested the Central Government that if this demand is unacceptable, they would like the Centre to permit them to levy sales tax on items like unmanufactured tobacco and khandsari; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No demand in the recent past seems to have been received from States for scrapping the scheme of additional excise duty in lieu of sales tax.

(b) and (c) The working of scheme of additional excise duty in lieu of sales tax is reviewed by the Standing Review Committee set up under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Planning commission consisting of Finance/Revenue Secretaries of State Governments and representatives of Central Government. In the meeting of Standing Review Committee held on 30-9-1985 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Planning Commission and attended by representatives of all States, the question of permitting State Governments to levy sales tax on manufacured tobacco and khandsari was raised. It was pointed out that for economic reasons, these items were exempted from additional excise duty. Adjustments have, however, been made elsewhere so that the overall yield from additional excise duty was not reduced. If sales tax was levied on these items, the purpose for which exemption from levy of additional excise duty was granted by Central Government would be defeated.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (1984) of the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Limited, Bombay together with related papers.

II. Audited Accounts (1984-85) of the Cardamom Board, Cochin.

III. Report and Accounts (1984-85) of the Export Promotion Council for finished leather and leather manufactures, Kanpur and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILE (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): Sir, on behalf of Shri Arun Singh I, beg to lay on the Table:—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Twenty-seventh Annual Report and Accounts of the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Limited, Bombay, for the year ended the 31st December, 1984, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the Corporation.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1607/85 for (i) and (ii)]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Accounts of the Cardamom Board, Cochin, for the year 1984-85 and the Audit Report thereon. [Placed in Library' *See* No. LT-1559/85.]

(ii) (a) Twenty-first Annual Report and Accounts of Export Promotion Council for Finished Leather and Leather Manufactures, Kanpur, for the year 1984-85, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Council.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1609/85 for (ii) and (b).]